

a written statement by March 4, 2009, by mailing to the contact below. On March 4, the hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

*Date and Time:* Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building located at First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20510. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at [kmichels@uscc.gov](mailto:kmichels@uscc.gov).

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: January 27, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0110]

### Proposed Information Collection (Application for Assumption Approval and/or Release From Personal Liability to the Government on a Home Loan) Activity: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to approve a claimant's request to be released from personal liability on a Government home loan.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 3, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0110" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through at FDMS.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Application for Assumption Approval and/or Release from Personal Liability to the Government on a Home Loan, VA Form 26-6381.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0110.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Veteran-borrows complete VA Form 26-6381 to sell their home by assumption rather than requiring the purchaser to obtain their own financing to pay off the VA guaranteed home loan. In order for the veteran-borrower to be released from personal liability, the loan must be current and the purchaser must assume all of the veteran's liability to the Government and to the mortgage holder and meet the credit and income requirements.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 42 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

Dated: January 22, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

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